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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawings includes changes to Fig. 4. This sheet, which includes Fig.4, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (may or may not attach)

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REMARKS

By the present response, Applicant has amended Fig. 4 and claims 1, 11-13 and 16-19 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,091,736 (Hayashi). Claims 3 and 7 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11-19 have been allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thank the Examiner for allowing claims 11-19 and indicating that claims 3 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 2 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayashi. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and submits that claim 1 has been amended with subject matter deemed allowable over the cited reference by the Examiner and, therefore, this claim is patentable over the cited reference at least for these reasons. Claims 2

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and 10 are dependent on independent claim 1 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the reasons noted regarding this independent claim.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Hayashi does not disclose or suggest the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1, 2 and 10 of the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1-19 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Frederick D. Bailey, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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